

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An oven, comprising:
  - an interior wall forming a cooking chamber;
  - a source of steam in fluid communication with said cooking chamber, whereby said source of steam provides a quantity of steam to said cooking chamber; and
  - a conduit having a tapered passage positioned intermediate said source of steam and said cooking chamber, whereby said quantity of steam traverses said tapered passage to enter said cooking chamber.
2. The oven of Claim 1, wherein said source of steam comprises a water reservoir containing a quantity of water and a heating element for boiling said quantity of water, and wherein said oven further comprises a cover positioned intermediate said cooking chamber and said water reservoir, whereby said cover directs said quantity of steam to said conduit having a tapered passage.
3. The oven of Claim 2, wherein said cover comprises:
  - a plurality of adjacent panels; and
  - an exit panel extending from each said adjacent panel, wherein said exit panels cooperate to form said tapered passage.
4. The oven of Claim 3, wherein at least two of said plurality of adjacent panels are conjoined by a connecting panel extending from said at least two adjacent panels.
5. The oven of Claim 2, wherein said cover comprises:
  - a panel; and
  - an exit panel extending from said panel, wherein said exit panel cooperates with said interior wall to form said tapered passage.

6. The oven of Claim 2 , wherein said cover comprises:
  - a panel having a panel aperture; and
  - a projection extending from said panel, said projection having a tapered aperture, wherein said panel aperture is in fluid communication with said tapered aperture, and wherein said tapered passage comprises said tapered aperture.
7. An oven, comprising:
  - an interior wall forming a cooking chamber;
  - a source of steam in fluid communication with said cooking chamber, whereby said source of steam provides a quantity of steam to said cooking chamber; and
  - an acceleration means for accelerating said quantity of steam.
8. The oven of Claim 7, wherein said source of steam comprises:
  - a water reservoir containing a quantity of water; and
  - a heating element for boiling said quantity of water, and wherein said oven further comprises a cover positioned intermediate said cooking chamber and said water reservoir, whereby said cover directs said quantity of steam to said acceleration means.
9. The oven of Claim 8, wherein said cover comprises:
  - a plurality of adjacent panels; and
  - an exit panel extending from each said adjacent panel, wherein said exit panels cooperate to form tapered passage, and wherein said acceleration means comprises said tapered passage.
10. The oven of Claim 9, wherein at least two of said plurality of adjacent panels are conjoined by a connecting panel extending from said at least two adjacent panels.
11. The oven of Claim 8, wherein said cover comprises:
  - a panel; and
  - an exit panel extending from said panel, wherein said exit panel cooperates with said interior wall to form a tapered passage, and wherein said acceleration means comprises said tapered passage.

12. The oven of Claim 8 , wherein said cover comprises:  
a panel having a panel aperture; and  
a projection extending from said panel, said projection having a tapered aperture, wherein  
said panel aperture is in fluid communication with said tapered aperture, and wherein said  
acceleration means comprises said tapered aperture.
13. A method of accelerating steam in a cooking chamber of an oven comprising the steps of:  
providing a quantity of steam;  
transferring said quantity of steam to the cooking chamber; and  
accelerating said quantity of steam during said transferring step.
14. The method of Claim 13, wherein said step of accelerating said quantity of steam  
comprises providing a conduit having a tapered passage in fluid communication with said  
quantity of steam and said cooking chamber.